

REGIONAL DISTRICT OF BULKLEY-NECHAKO

MEETING NO. 2

Thursday, February 20, 2014

PRESENT: Chair Bill Miller

Directors Taylor Bachrach
Stephen Freeman
Carman Graf
Bill Holmberg
Tom Greenaway
Dwayne Lindstrom
Thomas Liversidge
Rob Newell
Jerry Petersen
Ralph Roy
Stoney Stoltenberg
Luke Strimbold

Directors Absent Rob MacDougall, District of Fort St. James
Gerry Thiessen, District of Vanderhoof

Alternate Directors Steve Little, District of Vanderhoof

Staff Gail Chapman, Chief Administrative Officer
Cheryl Anderson, Manager of Administrative Services
Hans Berndorff, Financial Administrator
Janine Dougall, Director of Environmental Services – arrived at 1:24 p.m. – left at 2:32 p.m.
Jason Llewellyn, Director of Planning – left at 1:50 p.m.
Wendy Wainwright, Executive Assistant

Others Franca Petrucci, Community Coordinator, Spectra Energy – left at 11:45 a.m.
Graham Genge, Community Coordinator, Spectra Energy – left at 11:45 a.m.
Chris Mushumanski, Search and Rescue – arrived at 11:08 a.m.
Andy Muma, Search and Rescue – arrived at 11:08 a.m.
Matthew Sear, West Fraser Sawmills, Fraser Lake – left at 1:49 p.m.

Media Walter Strong, Lakes District News – left at 2:08 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Miller called the meeting to order at 11:04 a.m.

AGENDA, SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA & SUPPLEMENTARY TO THE SUPPLEMENTARY

Moved by Director Holmberg
Seconded by Director Stoltenberg

2014-2-1

“That the agenda of the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board meeting of February 20, 2014 be approved; and further, that the Supplementary Agenda and Supplementary to the Supplementary Agenda be received and dealt with at this meeting.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MINUTES

Board Meeting Minutes

Moved by Director Bachrach
Seconded by Director Stoltenberg

2014-2-2

“That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board Meeting Minutes of January 23, 2014 be adopted.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Committee Meeting Minutes

Moved by Director Roy
Seconded by Director Lindstrom

2014-2-3

“That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors receive the following Committee Meeting Minutes:

- Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes
 - February 6, 2014 (Unapproved);
- Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes
 - January 9, 2014;
- Rural Directors Committee Meeting Minutes
 - February 6, 2014 (Unapproved);
- Rural Directors Committee Meeting Minutes
 - January 9, 2014;
- Waste Management Committee Meeting Minutes
 - February 6, 2014 (Unapproved);
- Waste Management Committee Meeting Minutes
 - May 9, 2013.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

DELEGATIONS

SPECTRA ENERGY Franca Petrucci, Community Coordinator and Graham Genge, Community Coordinator RE: Update

Chair Miller welcomed Franca Petrucci, Community Coordinator and Graham Genge Community Coordinator, Spectra Energy.

Ms. Petrucci provided a PowerPoint Presentation.

Why We're Here Today

- To Listen and To Learn;
- To Share;
- To Address Questions and Concerns.

Spectra Energy In B.C.

Seasoned Operator with Deep, Local Roots

- Spectra Energy's founder had big-picture vision for B.C.'s energy and economic future:
- Natural gas as an economic development engine for the province.
- Today, we have deep roots in B.C. communities and long-standing relationships with local and Aboriginal communities.
- Enduring commitment to safety, reliability and sustainable community benefits.

DELEGATIONS (CONT'D)

SPECTRA ENERGY Franca Petrucci, Community Coordinator and Graham Genge, Community Coordinator RE: Update (CONT'D)

Westcoast Connector Gas Transmission – Gaining Momentum

- Continued focus on B.C. benefits;
- Two years of stakeholder input collected and reflected in current routing;
- Extensive environmental field work complete, with more to come:
 - 3,000+ person days of Aboriginal employment to date;
- Proceeding towards end of Q1 2014 environmental assessment application;
- Engagement and consultation continues throughout assessment;
- Construction mid-decade, operations by end of decade.

Project Designed With Environmental Protection In Mind *Advancing Rigorous Environmental Assessment Process*

- Project Description filed: October 2012;
- AIR Approved: September 2013;
- Preparing for Environmental Application filing : later Q1 2014:
 - Project planning and environmental studies contemplate a Spectra Energy corridor with up to two pipelines and up to five compressor stations, thereby creating opportunity for multiple projects with minimized environmental footprint.
- B.C. Oil and Gas Commission.

Route Refinements

Reflect Meaningful Consultation and Comprehensive Field Studies

Marine Routes Offer Best Alternatives for Further Study

Building on experience, expertise and careful

- A safe, proven way to transport natural gas in many of the world's oceans – including right here in B.C.;
- Two Alternative:
 - Kitsault to Ridley Island;
 - Nasoga Gulf to Ridley Island;
- Working with independent experts;
- Safeguarding our valued marine resources is the priority.

Assessing the Marine Environment

Studying the safest and most environmentally responsible route

- Geophysical;
- Geotechnical;
- Environmental;
- Visual Documentation.

Environmental and Engineering Field Studies

A collaborative effort integrating science with traditional knowledge

- Data collection and mitigation strategies:
 - Winter Wildlife – January to March 2013 and January to March 2014;
 - Spring Field Programs – April to June 2013:
 - Birds, Fish, Vegetation, TEM, Archeology;
 - Summer Field Programs – June to August 2013:
 - Wildlife, Fish, Vegetation, Wetlands, Marine, Archaeology, Hydrology, Terrain, Geotechnical;
 - Fall Field Programs – September and October 2013:
 - Birds, Fish, Traditional Land Use, Geotechnical;
- Continuing with 2014 field programs.

DELEGATIONS (CONT'D)

SPECTRA ENERGY Franca Petrucci, Community Coordinator and Graham Genge, Community Coordinator RE: Update (CONT'D)

Compressor Stations

Giving Natural Gas A Boost

- Natural gas is moved through a pipeline under pressure;
- Over long distances pressure reduces and natural gas slows down, so compressor stations give natural gas a “boost”;
- Up to 5 along route, located 150-250km apart.

Business and Employment Opportunities

Planning Forward

- We support sustainability by procuring locally-sourced goods, and working with suppliers, services and talent from across B.C.:
 - Launched regional Business & Employment Information Sessions;
 - Vendor Registration Database at energyforbc.ca/work-with-us.

Commitment to Communities

Relationships Based on Our Values, Built to Last

- Open dialogue;
- Collaboration;
- Recognition;
- Local Presence.

Ms. Petrucci noted that there will be approximately 400 short term and 60 long term jobs with Spectra Energy's Westcoast Connector Gas Transmission Line.

The release of the 2014 B.C. Provincial Budget and the two-tier LNG Income Tax was brought forward for discussion.

Discussion took place regarding the recent LNG meeting that was hosted by the Carrier Sekani Tribal Council and Spectra Energy's engagement with First Nation communities. Ms. Petrucci spoke of their involvement at collective workshops and meeting with First Nation communities individually.

Director Bachrach spoke of having open dialogue and the challenges of conversations with communities regarding the impacts and benefits along with the overwhelming amount of information being presented by the various LNG (Liquid Natural Gas) Transmission Line companies proposing to transport LNG through the region. Discussion took place regarding the opportunity for industry to attend public forums hosted by communities. There was a recent public forum held in Smithers that was hosted by Nathan Cullen, MP, Skeena Bulkley Valley that was well attended, and could have been an opportunity for industry to attend. Mr. Genge noted that he did attend the event to listen and hear concerns. Ms. Petrucci mentioned that Spectra Energy welcomes any invitation to attend community events and or individual meetings with community stakeholders. The effectiveness of open houses was brought forward for discussion.

Director Bachrach noted that the First Nation communities requesting the pipeline companies to engage with them individually also applies to all communities and may be an effective mechanism to communicate.

Mr. Genge spoke of the history of Spectra Energy in B.C. and the long term investment in the communities the people and the project. Spectra Energy's goal is to remain open, honest and transparent and take feedback from the public to determine the direction of community consultation.

DELEGATIONS (CONT'D)

SPECTRA ENERGY Franca Petrucci, Community Coordinator and Graham Genge, Community Coordinator RE: Update (CONT'D)

Discussion took place regarding transparent communication in reporting failures to the National Energy Board (NEB). Pipeline integrity and safety must be of the utmost importance. Ms. Petrucci mentioned that Spectra Energy's priorities are safety and the environment. Spectra Energy funds \$250 million per year for safety and integrity programs. There are two twenty four hour monitoring stations on its pipeline.

The harvesting of fibre along the right of way was commented on. Ms. Petrucci mentioned that Spectra Energy intends to harvest everything that they can and pay the stumpage. There may be some fibre that is not harvestable but they will be working with local First Nations, license holders and contractors to utilize all the possible fibre. Spectra Energy is supportive of harvesting fibre on right of ways being made a requirement by the provincial government.

Director Stoltenberg spoke of utilizing transmission line corridors for pipelines and minimizing the impact to the land base and timber supply. Mr. Genge explained that depending on the type and size of pipelines in proximity to transmission lines they have to adhere to the regulations and classifications from the Oil and Gas Commission and the *Oil and Gas Activities Act*. There are a number of considerations given such as a conductivity factor, safety, public input from First Nations and stakeholders, and geotechnical studies. There are areas wherein the pipelines parallel and/or utilize existing right of ways. Spectra Energy has considered in its planning the importance of a limited footprint and the possibility of two pipelines utilizing the same corridor.

Chair Miller noted that in a recent meeting with Chief Teegee, Carrier Sekani Tribal Council similar concerns were discussed regarding the need for open communication and transparency from the pipeline companies along with the need to address the removal of fibre and impact to the midterm timber supply with the possibility of numerous pipelines traveling from the northeast to the northwest of B.C. It is important to continue to communicate with communities and take direction from the numerous communities and First Nation communities within the region.

Chair Miller thanked Ms. Petrucci and Mr. Genge for attending the meeting.

DELEGATIONS (CONT'D)

SEARCH AND RESCUE Chris Mushumanski and Andy Muma RE: Grant in Aid Application

Chair Miller welcomed Chris Mushumanski and Andy Muma, Search and Rescue.

Mr. Mushumanski and Mr. Muma presented a PowerPoint Presentation.

Search Rescue is a complete volunteer organization.

In the North:

- 5 teams in the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako;
- Smallest team consists of 15 members and the largest team consists of 60 volunteers;
- Provincially there are 2,500 volunteers;
- Underserved in terms of geography;
- Often large searches require outside teams from the north or other regions in the province.

DELEGATIONS (CONT'D)

SEARCH AND RESCUE Chris Mushumanski and Andy Muma RE: Grant in Aid Application

Search and Rescue provides:

- Searches;
- Rescuing;
- Assistance to the RCMP, B.C. Coroner and Ambulance in the recovery of remains;
- Assistance to the RCMP in evidence searches;
- Assisting the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako in delivering Evacuation Alerts and Orders;
- Provide a wide range of services.

In 2013 - Unusual circumstances but a growing trend;

- large multi-day searches
 - Francois Lake;
 - Fort St. James;
 - Takysie;
 - Also assisted Terrace Search and Rescue.

In June, 2013 during the large multi-day search at Francois Lake new technology was used that produced mapping within a 30 minute timeframe instead of hours or days that it took in the past.

September, 2013 Regional Training

- First regional training opportunity in 13 years;
- Due to it being a volunteer base organization funding training events are challenging.

Mr. Muma mentioned that he is employed by the Province of B.C. in the Skeena Region as a Land Information Coordinator and has been a member of Search and Rescue for three years. His work involves applying technology to work flow. He is a member of a twelve person team and they have been implementing mobile technology throughout B.C. in all areas of mid-level government. He has been presenting the information to government and the private sector in the last year along with members in the emergency response field such as RCMP, doctors, nurses, Search and Rescue and flood control personnel.

There is a significant technology change currently taking place and he is taking his experience in government and applying it to Search and Rescue.

Why all the Attention?

- Transitioning technology to mobile and tablet devices;
- Computer processing capability
- Portable – can go anywhere;
- GPS;
- Camera;
- Video recording;
- Audio recording;
- Gyroscope;
- Magnetic Compass;
- Cell Connectivity.
- All planning for search and rescue operations can now be done on one device.

DELEGATIONS (CONT'D)

SEARCH AND RESCUE Chris Mushumanski and Andy Muma RE: Grant in Aid Application

Field Applications

- Take all data out in field;
- All maps/photos – navigation and data collection on one device;
- All geo referenced;
- Design a search;
- Pass to all searchers;
- E-mail to 40 searches in seconds – data compiled in field very easy;
- All maps in government friendly – mobile friendly;
- Mass inventory;
- Downloaded in seconds;
- Safety – use to send information from devices through satellites.
- Share, Compile and Analyze search spatial data while in the field often in real time.
- Field data on site – able to provide to searchers and family member in real time.
- Take subject, information into the field w or collect interview information on a search;
- Time and cost saver for aerial searches:
 - Technology – email to the plane while in flight;
 - Search capability on plane much better.
- Clue and Evidence Collection with camera (all photos are geo-referenced);
- Diverse application;
- Weather – With OtterBox Protection, the devices can be used in any weather conditions;
- Carry all reference material in the field with you for training;
- All in one device – scanner, photocopier in order to redistribute to searchers– replaces a lot of devices;
- Compiling data and finalizing reports all with one device.

Mr. Muma provided a demonstration of the application to the Regional Board.

Mr. Mushumanski noted that on March 29, 2014 a training day for the technology presented today has been planned in Houston, B.C. for the Search and Rescue teams within the RDBN. The intent is to supply SAR Managers and Team Leaders with Ipads with the technology application. The Ipads are a special order item and will take 2 to 3 weeks for delivery. On May 2, 2014 Search and Rescue from 100 Mile House north will be meeting and Mr. Muma will present the technology. The ability for teams to work together quickly and utilize the same applications through a common use of technology that will improve search and rescue delivery across the region and province will be an enormous benefit.

Chair Miller thanked Mr. Mushumanski and Mr. Muma for attending the meeting.

PRESENTATION

Chair Miller presented Deborah Jones-Middleton, Protective Services Manager with a 5 year service award and Jason Berlin, Building Inspector with a 10 year service award.

Break for Lunch at 12:10 p.m.

Reconvened at 1:00 p.m.

ADMINISTRATION REPORTS

Royal Canadian Legion -Military Service Recognition Book

Moved by Director Stoltenberg
Seconded by Director Roy

2014-2-4

"That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors purchase a ¼ page, full colour advertisement in the Royal Canadian Legion "Military Service Recognition Book" at a cost of \$565."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Regional News

Moved by Director Stoltenberg
Seconded by Director Bachrach

2014-2-5

"That the "Regional News" be produced and distributed to residents of the region a final time in April/May. Subsequently, that an e-newsletter be produced twice per year in place of the "Regional News."

Opposed: Director Bachrach CARRIED
Director Graf
Director Greenaway
Director Lindstrom
Director Newell
Director Roy

(All/Directors/Majority)

Western Canada Mountain Bike Tourism Association -Project Funding Request

Moved by Director Holmberg
Seconded by Director Bachrach

2014-2-6

"That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors approve accessing Northern Development's Collaborative funds in the amount of \$2,500 for the Western Canada Mountain Bike Tourism Association to complete a Northern BC Mountain Bike Tourism Initiative."

Moved by Director Bachrach
Seconded by Director Strimbold

2014-2-7

"That Motion 2014-2-6 be amended to provide funding in the amount of \$5,000.

(All/Directors/Majority)

DEFEATED

"That the question be called on Motion 2014-2-6 as written."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADMINISTRATION REPORTS (CONT'D)

Beyond the Market - Project
Funding Request

Moved by Director Roy
Seconded by Director Newell

2014-2-8

“That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors authorize the contribution of \$10,000 from the 2014 Economic Development Budget for Beyond the Market to complete the following:

Initiative 1: Provide training and professional development opportunities to farm operators in the project region.

Initiative 2: To develop a central information network for regional agricultural contacts, information, resources and tools and mobile support library.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

DEFEATED

Beyond the Market - Project
Funding Request

Moved by Director Freeman
Seconded by Director Stoltenberg

2014-2-9

“That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors authorize the contribution of \$5,000 per year for 2014 and 2015 from the 2014 and 2015 Economic Development Budget for Beyond the Market to complete the following:

Initiative 1: Provide training and professional development opportunities to farm operators in the project region.

Initiative 2: To develop a central information network for regional agricultural contacts, information, resources and tools and mobile support library.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

RDBN Business Forums

Moved by Director Stoltenberg
Seconded by Director Holmberg

2014-2-10

“That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors approve the RDBN Business Forum guidelines 1 through 5 as written:

1. The municipality hosting the event will be given a \$10,000 sponsorship from the RDBN to host the event. Any other funds to cover the costs of the Forum will be raised through other sponsors and will go directly to the municipality.
2. RDBN Economic Development Staff will take part on the Advisory Committee to assist with planning the event. Staff will create a Business Forum planning handbook to be given to the host community. RDBN Staff will attend the Forum to assist the day(s) of the event.
3. The host municipality will have access to the RDBN website for posting information and to the online registration system for registering attendees.
4. The host municipality will approve invited sponsors and presenters.
5. The Business Forum will be held every second year. As it is scheduled for Fort St. James in 2014, in 2016 Houston would be asked if they would be interested in partnering with the RDBN to host the Forum, as per the previously approved schedule.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADMINISTRATION REPORTS (CONT'D)

Federal Gas Tax Funds
-Electoral Area "C", Fort St.
James Rural, RDBN
- Sowchea Fire Hall

Moved by Director Greenaway
Seconded by Director Freeman

2014-2-11

1. "That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors authorize contributing \$8,704 of Electoral Area "C" Federal Gas Tax allocation monies for the purchase and installation of LED lighting at the Sowchea Fire Hall; and further,
2. That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors authorize the withdrawal of \$8,704 from the Federal Gas Tax Reserve Fund."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Committee Meeting
Recommendations
-February 6, 2014

Moved by Director Stoltenberg
Seconded by Director Greenaway

2014-2-12

"That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors approve Recommendations 1 through 5 as written:

Committee of the Whole – February 6, 2014

Recommendation 1:

Re: Backyard Composting Program

"That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors authorize the Backyard Composting Program at a cost of \$4,126.00 to begin in the spring of 2014."

Recommendation 2:

Re: 2014 North Central Local Government Association Convention & AGM-Sponsorship opportunities

"That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors sponsor the 2014 North Central Local Government Association Convention & AGM as a Copper Sponsor on May 9, 2014 at a cost of \$1,500."

ADMINISTRATION REPORTS (CONT'D)

Rural Directors Committee – February 6, 2014

Recommendation 4:

Re: Request for Grant in Aid

“That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors approve the following grant in aid monies:

- Fort St. James Secondary School be given \$1,000 grant in aid monies from Electoral Area “C” (Fort St. James Rural) for a Grade 12 Bursary;
- Fort St. James Sled Dog Association be given \$2,500 grant in aid monies from Electoral Area “C” (Fort St. James Rural) for costs associated with the Caledonia Classic Dog Sled Races;
- Fraser Lake Elementary Secondary Senior Girls Basketball be given \$2,500 grant in aid monies from Electoral Area “D” (Fraser Lake Rural) to assist with costs associated with attending Zones in Bella Coola, B.C. and Provincials in Lumby, B.C.;
- Southside Economic Development Association be given \$1,758.39 grant in aid monies from Electoral Area “E” (Francois/Ootsa Lake Rural) to purchase meeting room chairs and a cart;
- Grassy Plains Elementary-Junior Secondary School be given \$3,000 grant in aid monies from Electoral Area “E” (Francois/Ootsa Lake Rural) to assist with costs associated with a school field trip for the senior secondary students;
- Southside Seniors Housing Society be given \$5,000 grant in aid monies from Electoral Area “E” (Francois/Ootsa Lake Rural) for costs associated with a design consultant fee for the design of the seniors housing complex.”

Recommendation 5:

Re: NWIPC (Northwest Invasive Plant Council) Funding for 2014

“That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors approve that the 2014 funding monies for the NWIPC (Northwest Invasive Plant Council) be divided equally between each IPMA (Invasive Plant Management Area) and that total funding to the NWIPC be \$43,000 for the 2014 year.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADMINISTRATION REPORTS (CONT'D)

North Central Local
Government Association
Conference-May 7-9, 2014
-Fort St.John, B.C.

Moved by Director Bachrach
Seconded by Director Greenaway

2014-2-13

“That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors authorize attendance of rural directors and Gail Chapman, CAO, to the North Central Local Government Association Conference on May 7-9, 2014 in Fort St. John, B.C.”

Moved by Director Stoltenberg
Seconded by Director Newell

2014-2-14

“That motion 2014-2-13 be amended to include the attendance of Ken Ponsford, Alternate Director for Electoral Area “D” (Fraser Lake).

(All/Directors/Majority) CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

“That the question be called on motion 2014-2-13 as amended.”

(All/Directors/Majority) CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2014 Revenue Anticipation
Borrowing Bylaw

Moved by Director Graf
Seconded by Director Holmberg

2014-2-15

“That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors receive the Financial Administrator’s February 3, 2014 memo titled “2014 Revenue Anticipation Borrowing Bylaw” and consider giving three readings and adoption to Bylaw No. 1690 further in the agenda.”

(All/Weighted/Majority) CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Administration Reports

Moved by Director Stoltenberg
Seconded by Director Lindstrom

2014-2-16

“That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors receive the following Administration Reports:

- Manager of Regional Economic Development
 - Minerals Roundup 2014;
 - Regional Economic Development Grants Submitted;
- Protective Services Manager
 - CN Rail Meetings;
 - Snow Survey and Water Supply Bulletin – February 1, 2014;
- Director Rob Newell, Electoral Area “G” (Houston Rural)
 - Minerals Roundup 2014.”

(All/Directors/Majority) CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Director Newell mentioned that while at Minerals Roundup a resource portal was suggested as a possible benefit. Chair Miller mentioned that it may be an economic strategy to be discussed in the future.

ADMINISTRATION REPORTS (CONT'D)

Concerns were brought forward in regards to CN's emergency response. There is no evidence or assurance that indicates that CN has teams and equipment in place to respond quickly and effectively in proportion to what is being transported via rail.

Director Bachrach noted that CN has requested that the meeting in Smithers is to be a closed meeting and the only attendees be Mayor Bachrach and the Town of Smithers Chief Administrative Officer.

Gail Chapman, CAO reported that staff has recently applied for CN's Annual Report of Goods Transported throughout B.C.

Discussion took place regarding the issue that if an event does occur the first responders in the region will lack sufficient training to be able to respond. The need for funding for training of local responders and the importance of CN providing details of goods being transported through the communities within the region was discussed.

In the past when a derailment occurred near the District of Vanderhoof, CN did not report the event to Vanderhoof. Frustrations were brought forward regarding the lack of communication involving CN. Discussion took place regarding CN being regulated by Transport Canada.

Moved by Director Newell
Seconded by Director Holmberg

2014-2-17

1. "That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors direct staff to draft a letter to the Government of Canada, Transport Canada, and the Federation of Canadian Municipalities to request assistance in having CN meet with the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako to develop an emergency response plan for the region and each of the municipalities within the RDBN;
2. Further, that the draft letter be brought forward to the Regional Board of the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako for approval; and,
3. Further, that the letter be forwarded to the Northwest Corridor Development Corporation (NCDC), John Rustad, MLA Nechako Lakes, Doug Donaldson, MLA Stikine, Nathan Cullen, MP Skeena Bulkley Valley, and Richard Harris, MP Cariboo-Prince George."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

DEVELOPMENT SERVICES (All Directors)

MEMOS

Coastal GasLink Pipeline Project

Moved by Director Stoltenberg
Seconded by Director Greenaway

2014-2-18

1. "That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors direct staff to provide comment to the EAO (Environmental Assessment Office) as part of the application screening process as discussed in the staff report dated February 11, 2014 regarding the Coastal Gaslink Pipeline Project; and
2. Further, that the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors receive the Supplementary Agenda Development Services Correspondence item titled "To: Lisa Payne, Project Assessment Officer Re: RDBN Staff Comments Regarding Application for the Proposed Coastal GasLink Pipeline Project."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Nulki Hills Wind Project Environmental Assessment Draft Application Information Requirements (dAIR) and Public Consultation Plan

Moved by Director Roy
Seconded by Director Petersen

2014-2-19

"That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors receive the Planner's February 5, 2014 memo titled "Nulki Hills Wind Project Environmental Assessment Draft Application Information Requirements (dAIR) and Public Consultation Plan."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ELECTORAL AREA PLANNING (All Directors)

TEMPORARY USE PERMIT APPLICATION

Temporary Use Permit Application A-01-13 West Fraser Concrete Ltd. (Perry)Donaldson Road, Smithers Electoral Area "A"

Moved by Director Graf
Seconded by Director Stoltenberg

2014-2-20

"That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako approve the extension of Temporary Use Permit A-01-13 and amend the permit terms as shown on the permit attached to the February 4, 2014 staff report."

(Participants/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

BYLAWS FOR FIRST AND SECOND READING

Rezoning File No.A-04-13
OCP Amendment Bylaw
No. 1687 Rezoning Bylaw
No. 1688 Sheldon Armitage
(Perry), Electoral Area "A"

Moved by Director Stoltenberg
Seconded by Director Roy

2014-2-21

1. "That "Smithers Telkwa Rural Official Community Plan Amendment Bylaw No. 1687, 2014", and "Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Rezoning Bylaw No. 1688, 2014" be given first and second reading this 20th day of February, 2014 and subsequently be taken to public hearing.
2. That the Public Hearing for "Smithers Telkwa Rural Official Community Plan Amendment Bylaw No. 1687, 2014", and "Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Rezoning Bylaw No. 1688, 2014" be held and delegated to the Director or Alternate Director for Electoral Area A.
3. That the Regional Board consider and approve the consultation identified in the consultation checklist attached as Appendix A."

(Participants/Directors/Majority) CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Rezoning File No.D-02-13
OCP Amendment Bylaw
No. 1685 Rezoning Bylaw
No. 1686 West Fraser Mills Ltd.
Electoral Area "D"

Moved by Director Roy
Seconded by Director Petersen

2014-2-22

1. "That "Endako, Fraser Lake, Fort Fraser Rural Official Community Plan Amendment Bylaw No. 1685, 2013", and "Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Rezoning Bylaw No. 1686, 2013" be given first and second reading this 20th day of February, 2014 and subsequently be taken to public hearing.
2. That the Public Hearing for "Endako, Fraser Lake, Fort Fraser Rural Official Community Plan Amendment Bylaw No. 1685, 2013", and "Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Rezoning Bylaw No. 1686, 2013" be held and delegated to the Director or Alternate Director for Electoral Area D.
3. That the Regional Board consider and approve the consultation identified in the consultation checklist attached as Appendix A."

(Participants/Directors/Majority) CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

BYLAW FOR THIRD READING AND ADOPTION

Rezoning File No. RDBN-1-13 Moved by Director Holmberg
Bylaw 1683, 2014 Medical Secoded by Director Newell
Marihuana Regulations
All RDBN Electoral Areas

2014-2-23

1. "That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors receive the Report of the Public Hearing for Bylaw No. 1683."
2. That "Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Zoning Bylaw Amendment Bylaw No. 1683, 2014" be given third reading and adoption this 20th day of February, 2014."

(Participants/Directors/Two-Thirds) CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MEMO

Amendment of Covenant Moved by Director Stoltenberg
Document CA1963381 Secoded by Director Holmberg
(Electoral Area "A" – Bradley)

2014-2-24

1. "That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors receive the Report of the Public Hearing for the proposed changes to Section 219 covenant CA1963381.
2. That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors approve the proposed amendments to Covenant No. CA1963381 registered on title of the property at 2803 Dahlie Rd. and authorize the signing of the covenant amendment document."

(Participants/Directors/Majority) CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

REPORTS **(All Directors)**

Planning Department Moved by Director Stoltenberg
Enquiries Reports Secoded by Director Holmberg

2014-2-25

"That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors receive the Planning Department Enquiries Report for January, 2014."

(All/Directors/Majority) CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Planning Department Moved by Director Stoltenberg
Action List Secoded by Director Freeman

2014-2-26

"That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors receive the Planning Department Action List for December, 2013."

(All/Directors/Majority) CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

BUILDING INSPECTION

Building Inspector's Report

Moved by Director Greenaway
Seconded by Director Roy

2014-2-27

"That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors receive the Building Inspector's Report for February, 2014."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

VERBAL REPORTS

Protection of Water and Air

Director Greenaway noted that he had recently been away on a holiday to Southeast Asia and spoke of the poor water and air quality and how important it is to protect the water and air quality in the region.

Village of Burns Lake Town Hall Budget Meeting

Director Strimbald mentioned that the Village of Burns Lake had a successful Town Hall Budget meeting on February 4, 2014.

New Gold Community Liaison Committee

Director Strimbald spoke of a position paper being developed by the New Gold Community Liaison Committee regarding advanced education and skills training. The paper will be forwarded to the Minister of Jobs, Tourism and Skills Training and Minister Responsible for Labour, the Minister of Education and the Minister of Advanced Education. The Ministry of Jobs, Tourism and Skills Training and Responsible for Labour is currently adopting a ten year plan and the desire of the New Gold Community Liaison Committee to provide input into the plan and develop a similar model that is in the northeast of B.C. regarding a partnership between industry, educational institutes, schools and the province of B.C.

Minerals Roundup in Vancouver-January 27-30, 2014

Director Lindstrom mentioned that he attended Minerals Roundup in Vancouver on January 27-30, 2014. He spent time at the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Tradeshow Booth which was well attended. Director Holmberg and Director Bachrach also spoke of attending Minerals Roundup and it provided a good opportunity for networking. Director Newell noted the good response received regarding the RDBN Mining website at Minerals Roundup.

Tour of the new Lakes District Hospital and Health Centre

Director Roy thanked everyone who attended the tour of the new Lakes District Hospital and Health Centre this morning.

Fort Fraser Water System

Director Roy noted that the Fort Fraser Local Community Commission met regarding the need to repair the Fort Fraser Water System.

VERBAL REPORTS (CONT'D)

UBCM - Electoral Area Directors Forum

Director Stoltenberg spoke of attending the Union of B.C. Municipalities Electoral Area Directors Forum in Richmond on February 4 and 5, 2014. He will provide a report at a following RDBN Committee of the Whole meeting. Director Newell mentioned that discussions took place regarding ambulance service, water sustainability, air and emergency response. A presentation on emergency communication was very beneficial. Director Stoltenberg and Director Newell spoke of a comment made by Director Stoltenberg regarding the Ministry of Community, Sport and Cultural Development developing a program mandated by the Premier for LNG dividends for the Regional District of Kitimat-Stikine, Regional District of Skeena Queen Charlotte, City of Prince Rupert, Kitimat and Terrace. He noted that the LNG (Liquid Natural Gas) would travel through numerous other communities and Regional Districts. Director Newell was unable to provide a Search and Rescue presentation due to time constraints but it will be sent out with the post forum information.

Formal Layoff Notice for Workers of Houston Forest Products

Director Holmberg reported that workers at the Houston Forest Products sawmill received their formal layoff notice on February 14, 2014. The final date is May 9, 2014 and the planer will cease operations on May 15-17, 2014.

Meeting with Minister Thomson and District of Houston

Director Holmberg mentioned that the Honourable Steve Thomson, Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations and John Rustad, MLA Nechako Lakes will be in Houston on February 28, 2014 regarding the Houston Forest Products sawmill closure and reallocation of timber. The District of Houston has extended an invitation to Chair Miller, RDBN, contractors, Salvage Association and Community Forest representatives.

Director Holmberg has been contacted by the Competition Bureau regarding the reallocation of timber between West Fraser Timber and Canfor Corporation.

New Gold – Blackwater Project

Director Petersen attended the New Gold Community Liaison Committee meeting on February 11, 2014 and New Gold provided an update regarding its Blackwater project. New Gold has delayed its start date by two years, they are currently opening a mine in Quebec and commissioned an operation in Kamloops. New Gold indicated they plan to move forward with the Blackwater project as it is one of the largest gold deposits in North America but the timeline has been adjusted.

Director Holmberg also reported that the mining industry is scaling back operations in the region due to markets.

UBCM Select Committee on Local Government Finance

Director Bachrach mentioned that the Union of B.C. Municipalities (UBCM) Select Committee on Local Government Finance continues to meet and is endeavoring to move forward the recommendations made in its report.

VERBAL REPORTS (CONT'D)

Town of Smithers Wins Award for Brownfield Development Director Bachrach travelled to Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island to receive an award on behalf of the Town of Smithers at the Federation of Canadian Municipalities Sustainability Conference for its development of a town square on a brownfield lot.

Steel for the New Arena in Smithers Director Bachrach reported that the steel will be arriving for the new arena on March 7, 2014. Discussions are taking place regarding a user fee structure for the use of the new arena.

Town of Smithers Bid to Host Minerals North 2016 Director Bachrach mentioned that the Town of Smithers is developing a bid to host Minerals North in 2016.

RDBN Budget Presentations Chair Miller reported RDBN Budget presentations were being provided to the municipalities within the RDBN. Meetings have been held in Smithers and Houston thus far which were well attended.

Meeting with Chief Terry Teegee, Carrier Sekani Tribal Council Chair Miller along with Gail Chapman, CAO met with Chief Terry Teegee, Carrier Sekani Tribal Council. Discussion took place regarding similar issues and concerns regarding development, project scales and the Environmental Assessment process. Developing a communication protocol was also discussed and staff will continue to work together with Carrier Sekani Tribal Council to move forward.

Receipt of Verbal Reports Moved by Director Bachrach
Seconded by Director Newell

2014-2-28 "That the verbal reports of the various Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Directors be received."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADMINISTRATION CORRESPONDENCE

North Central Local Government Association -Call for Nominations for 2014-2015 NCLGA Executive Moved by Director Stoltenberg
Seconded by Director Roy

2014-2-29 "That Director Strimbald be nominated for the position of Regional Representative for the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako for the 2014-2015 North Central Local Government Association Executive."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADMINISTRATION CORRESPONDENCE (CONT'D)

Skeena-Queen Charlotte
Regional District – BC Ferries
Service Cuts

Moved by Director Roy
Seconded by Director Holmberg

2014-2-30

“That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors write a letter to Premier Christy Clark in support of Skeena-Queen Charlotte Regional District’s request to schedule a joint-meeting with local governments and First Nations to discuss BC Ferries Service Cuts; and further, that the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors supports the BC Ferry Coalition regarding the BC Ferries Service Cuts.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Administration
Correspondence

Moved by Director Stoltenberg
Seconded by Director Bachrach

2014-2-31

“That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors receive the following correspondence:

- Selina Robinson, MLA/Official Opposition Critic for Local Government and Sports – Local Elections Campaign Financing Act;
- Tweedsmuir Cavaliers Saddle Club – 2013 - Thank you for Grant in Aid;
- District of Houston – Thank you for Bronze Sponsorship of Business Excellence Awards;
- Environment Canada - Species at Risk Recovery Unit – Public Consultation on the Proposed Recovery Strategy for the Woodland Caribou, Southern Mountain Population in Canada;
- Union of B.C. Municipalities – Special Committee on BC Ferries;
- BC Environmental Assessment Office - Update on Timelines: Pacific Northern Gas Looping Project EA;
- TransCanada – Coastal GasLink Pipeline Project – Application for an Environmental Assessment Certificate – Electoral Area “C”;
- TransCanada – Prince Rupert Gas Transmission Ltd.
 - Applications for Permit to Undertake Geotechnical Assessments – Electoral Area “C”;
- City of Parksville – Provincial Emergency Notification System;
- Claude Gravelle, MP – National Dementia Strategy: Municipal Resolution and C-356;
- Northwest Corridor Development Corporation - Transportation Corridor Priorities for northern Alberta;
- Omineca Beetle Action Coalition – Moving Forward
 - Agriculture Feasibility Studies;
- Carrier Sekani Tribal Council – Environmental Assessments of Liquefied Natural Gas Pipelines;
- Glenwood Women’s Institute letter to Minister of Agriculture
 - Genetically Modified Crops;
- Fort Fraser Cemetery Commission Meeting Minutes
 - September 27, 2013;
- Fort Fraser Local Community Commission Meeting Minutes
 - January 14, 2014;
- Fort St. James T.V. Society – Financial Statements
 - December 31, 2013;
- NCLGA Connector – January, 2014;
- Omineca Beetle Action Coalition Newsletter - January 2014;

ADMINISTRATION CORRESPONDENCE (CONT'D)

- Union of B.C. Municipalities
 - Federal Budget Highlights;
 - Tax Status for Commercial Marihuana Operations;
 - Executive Meeting Highlights;
 - Call for Local Government Resolutions;
 - Environment Canada Recovery Strategies
Open for Comment;
 - Age-friendly BC Recognition Program;
 - Feedback Wanted on Landfill Criteria Paper.”

INVITATIONS

- Minerals North 2014 – May 21-23, 2014 Vanderhoof, B.C.;
- Bulkley Valley Lakes District Airshed Management Society
Open House – February 27, 2014 – Burns Lake, B.C.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Discussion took place regarding the Northwest Corridor Development Corporation's (NCDC) correspondence titled "Transportation Corridor Priorities for northern Alberta". The RDBN Transportation Task Force focus is public transportation. Further discussion in regard to NCDC's document titled "Northern Highways Strategy – Building For Tomorrow Today... Advancing the Alberta Economy" may take place at a future RDBN Committee of the Whole meeting.

Chair Miller brought forward the UBCM - Federal Budget Highlights regarding the federal budget reference to investing \$305 million over five years to extend and enhance broadband internet service in rural and Northern communities which is an initiative of importance to the RDBN Board of Directors.

Chair Miller also noted the following federal budget references to providing \$10 million over two years to improve and expand snowmobile and recreational trails across the country and the need for RDBN Directors to provide that information to local groups.

Discussion also took place regarding the Additions to Reserve Policy Update. Further discussion is taking place at the Federation of Canadian Municipalities Conference in Niagara Falls, Ontario on May 30-June 2, 2014.

ACTION LIST

Action List

Moved by Director Stoltenberg
Seconded by Director Freeman

2014-2-32

"That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors receive the Action List for January, 2014."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

FINANCIAL

Operating Accounts -January, 2014

Moved by Director Stoltenberg
Seconded by Director Roy

2014-2-33

“That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors ratify the Operating Accounts – Paid January, 2014.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

BYLAW

Bylaws for First, Second, Third Reading & Adoption

No. 1690 – RDBN Revenue Anticipation Borrowing Bylaw

Moved by Director Bachrach
Seconded by Director Stoltenberg

2014-2-34

“That “Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako 2014 Revenue Anticipation Borrowing Bylaw No. 1690, 2014” be given first, second, third reading and adoption this 20th day of February, 2014.”

(All/Weighted/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

DISCUSSION ITEM

Attendance at COFI Convention -April 2-3, 2014 -Kelowna, B.C.

Chair Miller spoke of the COFI Convention being held on April 2-3, 2014 and that Vice Chair Thiessen along with himself will be in attendance thus will be absent for the RDBN Committee Meetings scheduled for April 3, 2014. The RDBN Board of Directors will appoint a Chair for the meeting on April 3, 2014.

READING FILE

Reading File

Moved by Director Stoltenberg
Seconded by Director Bachrach

2014-2-35

“That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors receive the following Reading File:

CORRESPONDENCE:

-The Association for Mineral Exploration British Columbia – AME BC Opened TMX Market on January 14, 2014 with Minister Bill Bennett;

-BC Chamber of Commerce – Insight – January, 2014;

-BC Chamber of Commerce – Public Affairs Update

-February 11, 2014

-February 3, 2014

-January 27, 2014

-January 20, 2014

-January 13, 2014;

-British Columbia Community Forest Association- January 2014 Newsletter

-British Columbia Community Forest Association - Mobile Technology Workshops in Kamloops and Nelson;

-British Columbia Parks and Public Works Group- Newsletter

- February 2014;

READING FILE (CONT'D)

CORRESPONDENCE:

- B.C. Road Builders and Heavy Construction Association – “A *Municipal Councils’ Guide to Infrastructure Construction*”;
- British Columbia Healthy Communities Newsletter
– January 2014;
- Clean Energy Canada at Tides Canada:
 - February 11, 2014 – One-Year Anniversary Edition
 - February 3, 2014 – The Ultimate Electric Road Trip
 - January 27, 2014 – The Big Brands Are Waking Up
 - January 20, 2014 – If You’re Gonna Do It, Do it Right;
- Federation of Canadian Municipalities
 - Attend the 2014 SCC for a Chance to Win a Trip to FCM’s Annual Conference;
 - Sustainable Communities Conference and Trade Show;
- A Happy Warrior – First Nations Face Tsunami of Pipeline Consultations;
- Initiatives Prince George –On the Move Newsletter January, 2014;
- Liquor Control and Licensing Branch – Liquor Policy Review Final Report;
- Local Government Management Association of B.C. – Dave Morris Remembered;
- Ministry of Justice – Assistant Deputy Minister Appointment, Emergency Management BC;
- Northern Health – New Grants are Now Available to Support Healthy Communities Across Northern B.C.;
- Northern Health – New Northern Health Physician Recruitment Website Showcases the Benefits of Living and Working in Northern B.C.;
- Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure - Bulkley Stikine District – Load Restrictions;
- Nechako River Flow Facts:
 - February 5, 2014
 - January 29, 2014
 - January 22, 2014;
- Office of the Premier/Ministry of Natural Gas Development/Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations – Second LNG Agreement Reached for Grassy Point with Woodside;
- SeniorsBC.ca – e-Newsletter – January, 2014;
- TransCanada – Coastal GasLink Pipeline Project - Application for an Environmental Assessment Certificate;
- TransCanada – Coastal GasLink Project Activity Update # 13
– January, 2014;
- Westac – February 1 to 7, 2014 – WESTAC;
- Wet’suwet’en First Nation – Wet’suwet’en First Nation Calls on Premier Clark to Establish Independent Inquiry into Babine Forest Products Mill Explosion;
- Wet’suwet’en First Nation – Wet’suwet’en First Nation Warns Premier Christy Clark to Begin Crown Consultation on New LNG Industry Immediately;
- Union of B.C. Municipalities
 - Food Security in Rural and Remote Communities;
 - Youth Gang Prevention Toolkit.”

SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA

ADMINISTRATION REPORT

Director Freeman removed himself from the meeting at 2:21 p.m. due to a familial conflict of interest regarding the Contract with Southside Economic Development.

Contract with Southside
Economic Development

Moved by Director Roy
Seconded by Director Strimbold

2014-2-36

1. "That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors receive the Financial Administrator's February 18, 2014 memo titled "Contract with Southside Economic Development Association"; and,
2. Approve the renewal of the contract with the Southside Economic Development Association for a five year term."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Director Freeman returned to the meeting at 2:22 p.m.

Minerals North 2016

Moved by Director Stoltenberg
Seconded by Director Roy

2014-2-37

"That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors provide a letter to the Town of Smithers in support of its proposal to hold the 2016 Minerals North Conference in Smithers/Telkwa."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

"DRAFT" Agenda RE: Meeting
of Wednesday, March 5, 2014
FLNRO/RDBN/Forest Industry
Representatives, Vineyard Church
Burns Lake, B.C. 12 noon-4 p.m.

Moved by Director Graf
Seconded by Director Stoltenberg

2014-2-38

"That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors approve the "tentative agenda" as proposed by the Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations for the meeting of March 5th, 2014."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

RDBN Meeting with Al
Gorley, Triangle Resources
Inc.

Moved by Director Stoltenberg
Seconded by Director Greenaway

2014-2-39

"That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors approve costs associated in scheduling a meeting with Al Gorley, Triangle Resources Inc. and the with RDBN Forestry Committee; and further, attending the meeting with Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations and Forest Industry Representatives on March 5, 2014."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ELECTORAL AREA PLANNING

Public Hearing Report for
Rezoning File No. RDBN-1-13
-Bylaw No. 1683, 2014 Medical
Marihuana Regulations
– All RDBN Electoral Areas

Moved by Director Stoltenberg
Seconded by Director Roy

2014-2-40

“That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors receive the Public Hearing Report for Rezoning File No. RDBN-1-13 – Bylaw No. 1683, 2014 Medical Marihuana Regulations – All RDBN Electoral Areas.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence

Moved by Director Stoltenberg
Seconded by Director Freeman

2014-2-41

“That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors receive the following correspondence:

-Regional District of Central Kootenay – Media Release – RDCK Asks Minister to Enforce Recycling Legislation;
-Union of B.C. Municipalities – MMBC Committee Invites Expressions of Interest.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

NEW BUSINESS

Meeting with Minister Thomson
in Houston February 28, 2014

Director Holmberg mentioned that Minister Thomson is allowing for additional meetings while he is in Houston on February 28, 2014. Discussion took place regarding the strength in meeting as a united group.

Search and Rescue

Discussion took place regarding providing grant in aid funds to assist Search and Rescue. It was noted that Search and Rescue may be better served with a region wide funding strategy for long term funding that would include contributions from the entire Regional District. The importance of Search and Rescue and the core service it provides to everyone within the Province as residents or visitors and the need to bring the issue forward at the Union of B.C. Municipalities Convention for provincial funding support was discussed.

Further discussion regarding a service function for Search and Rescue will take place at a future RDBN Committee of the Whole meeting.

NEW BUSINESS (CONT'D)

Search and Rescue
-Request for Grant in Aid

Moved by Director Petersen
Seconded by Director Roy

2014-2-50

"That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors authorize Search and Rescue to be given \$3,000 grant in aid monies from each of the Electoral Areas "A" (Smithers Rural), "C" (Fort St. James Rural), "D" (Fraser Lake Rural), "E" (Francois/Ootsa Lake Rural), and "G" (Houston Rural), \$4,500 grant in aid monies from Electoral Area "B" (Burns Lake Rural), and \$10,063 grant in aid monies from Electoral Area "F" (Vanderhoof Rural) for a total of \$29,563 to purchase mapping technology and software for Search and Rescue Teams in the RDBN."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Agricultural Land Commission

Moved by Director Roy
Seconded by Director Greenaway

2014-2-51

"That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors write a letter to the appropriate Provincial Government Ministers expressing the Regional District's support for the important work of the Agricultural Land Commission to protect agricultural land in the province."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Possible Cell Tower Location
Near Fraser Lake

Director Lindstrom mentioned that he had been in discussion with a resident from Stellako who had indicated that there may be an opportunity to have a cell tower located on a cement pad already in place near Stellako. Staff will further research the issue.

SPECIAL IN-CAMERA
MEETING MOTION

Moved by Director Stoltenberg
Seconded by Director Newell

2014-2-52

"In accordance with Section 90 (1)(c)(i) of the *Community Charter*, it is the opinion of the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako that matters pertaining to Labour relations or other employee relations (staffing changes) and the receipt of advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege (Chinook Community Forest) including communications necessary for that purpose must be closed to the public therefore exercise their option of excluding the public for this meeting."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Director Stoltenberg

2014-2-53

"That the meeting be adjourned at 2:53 p.m."